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PLEASE PASS DEPT OF JUSTICE FOR TERRENCE ADAMSON

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL

REF: (A) MEXICO 00059 (B) ADAMSON-STARRS TELCON JAN 5

1. FERNANDO BAEZA, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES, CONFIRMS APPOINTMENT FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) BELL WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO FOR 1900, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE AT LOS PINOS, WHICH IS JUST OFF HIGHWAY FROM AIRPORT TO CITY, AND ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES DRIVE BACKTRACKING FROM EMBASSY. WE HAVE TOLD BAEZA AG PARTY PLANS ARRIVE FROM EITHER HOUSTON OR DALLAS ABOUT 1700 VIA MILITARY AIRCRAFT. OUR PROPOSAL IS THAT AG AND PARTY PROCEED FROM AIRPORT TO EMBASSY FOR BRIEFING PRIOR TO AG'S CALL ON PRESIDENT. PAST PREFERENCE BY PRESIDENT HAS BEEN TO HAVE SMALL GROUP ON SUCH CALLS. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET DISCUSSED COMPOSITION WITH BAEZA, WE WOULD ENVISION CALL ON PRESIDENT TO BE BY AG BELL AND RANKING MEMBER HIS PARTY, AMBASSADOR LUCEY, SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES WHO ACCOMPANY AG, RANKING REPRESENTATIVE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE. WOULD
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WELCOME WASHINGTON THOUGHTS.

2. MAIN SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IS TO BE 1430 WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AG FLORES AT LES AMBASSADEURS RESTAURANT (CLOSE TO EMBASSY CHANCERY) ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4. LIKELY TO LAST TWO TO TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS. BAEZA UNDERSTANDS WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALL RPT ALL SUBSTANTIVE

MEMBERS BELL PARTY BEING INVITED. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN SECRETARIAT AND LABOR SECRETARIAT BE INCLUDED. AS YOU KNOW, FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL DOES NOT NOW EXPECT TO BE IN MEXICO CITY, SINCE HE HAS COMMITMENT TO ACCOMPANY DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON VISIT TO YUCATAN.

3. BAEZA WAS MOST INTERESTED IN PARTY COMPOSITION. AS DISCUSSED IN REF TELCON, WE GAVE HIM, WITH EXPLANATION IT WAS TENTATIVE, LIST OF NINE PERSONS FROM EXECUTIVE BRANCH BY NAME OR OFFICE, AND HAVE MENTIONED THAT THREE SENATORS AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN INVITED BUT CONFIRMATION NOT RECEIVED. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WOULD WELCOME COMPLETE LIST OF PARTY WITH NAME, TITLE AND PROTOCOL ORDER, SO THAT GOM CAN PLAN TO INVITE COUNTERPARTS.

4. WITH REGARD TO AG BELL'S INTEREST IN SEEING AT FIRST HAND TYPE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY IN MEXICO (DISCUSSED IN ADAMSON-DUNN CONVERSATION), WE ARE GIVING THIS INTEREST OUR ATTENTION. PROBLEM IS THAT THERE ARE RELATIVELY FEW PROJECTS CLOSE TO MEXICO CITY THAT COULD BE REACHED ON, FOR EXAMPLE, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY MORNING TRIPS FROM THE CITY. AREA IN VICINITY MEXICO CITY IS NOT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS.

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5. WOULD WELCOME ANY INTERESTS OR PREFERENCES WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS MIGHT HAVE FOR SCHEDULE. AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN LINING UP GOM OFFICIALS ON WEEKEND, BUT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUPPORT, WE ARE CONFIDENT WE CAN BUILD ON SUBSTANTIVE TALKS, DESCRIBED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 TO CONSTRUCT GOOD WORKING VISIT. CALDERHEAD

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